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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 October 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-7,9,11,13 and 15-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 5,6 and 13 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 1-4,7,9,11 and 15-17 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 11 January 2002 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's amendments to 10/044,155 have been examined. Claims 1-7, 9, 11, 13, and 15-17 are pending.

1. Examiner has determined that Applicant's claims are allowable over the prior art of record. However, claim informalities preclude immediate allowance. Hence, the instant non-final action on the merits is provided.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 1, 2, 4, 16 and 17 are objected to because of the following informalities: Pursuant to claims 1 and 4, "to the output locations": lack sufficient antecedent basis. Pursuant to claim 2, at line 10, change "by" to **at or from**. Pursuant to claim 16, at line 2, change "by" to at; delete "can be" (indefinite claim language) and insert - -is- - in lieu thereof. Pursuant to claim 17, "the selected ones" lack sufficient antecedent basis; delete "can be" (indefinite claim language) and insert - -is- - in lieu thereof.. Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 5, 6, and 13 are allowed.

4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art does not teach multiplexers selecting one of the test signal from one or more multiplexers and passing a selected group of signals to a next higher regional level.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications should be directed to Examiner A.M. Thompson whose telephone number is (571) 272-1909. The Examiner can usually be reached Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m..

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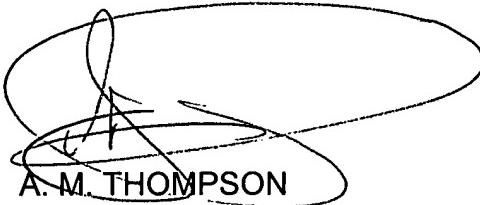
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